THE TERRORIST AND DISRUPTIVE ACTIVITIES (PREVENTION) AMENDMENT BILL, 1993

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN) : Madam, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act, 1987.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN) : Madam, I introduce the Bill.

RE-CRASH BOEING 737 AT AURANGABAD

SHRI SURESH KALMADI (Maharashtra) : Madam, I would like to raise the issue of the crash of Boeing 737 at Aurangabad... *(Interruptions)*...

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY (Andhra Pradesh) : Madam... *(Interruptions)*...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : The Minister is making a statement... *(Interruptions)*...

SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Madam, it is a serious crash and we would like to know the reasons for the crash. What exactly happened ? There has been a complaint about this particular aircraft, especially the engine. The particular engine on this aircraft was under-powered. This aircraft is 20 years old. There are two types of engines. This is the older version of the engine. I would like to know whether in view of this crash the hon. Minister would consider grounding 737 which is in operation with this old engine. I think this is the foremost thing which should have been done. The engines must be changed. If the engines are okay, then who is to be blamed ? How was the aircraft overloaded ? Was it overloaded ? Did the aircraft takeoff from the begining of the runway ? There are various questions. The nation is agitated about it. We would like to know when the Minister is going to make a statement. We would like to know whether he intends grounding 737 with this particular old type of engine immediately.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : The Minister is going to make a statement. I will find out when... *(Interruptions)*...

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV (Maharashtra) : Madam, the air crash took place at Aurangabad. Fifty-seven people lost their lives. I want to know as to when the Minister is going to make a statement. This is a very urgent matter. The whole of Marathwada is deeply shocked over this incident.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : The whole country and not Marathwada only.

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV : There are several telephonic calls from Aurangabad and other places to know about what the Government is going to do in this regard... *(Interruptions)*

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Now the Minister is here, Mr. Kalmadi. Let me find out... *(Interruptions)*

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN (Maharashtra) : Is the Minister going to follow the footsteps of his predecessor ? *(Interruptions)* Is he going to take the same action as that of Mr. Madhavrao Scindia ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GULAM NABI AZAD) : Madam, I said in the Question Hour that I would be making a statement in the afternoon in both the Houses.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : At what time ?

SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD : I cannot indicate the time right now because translation and all that will have to be done.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Mr. Minister, are you going to ground 737...

SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD : Let me have the statement. Without a statement, I cannot say... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI SURESH KALMADI : He should apply his mind seriously.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Mr. Kalmadi, the Minister has heard you. Now, when he makes the statement, he may react to it. You can ask at that time. And we will give ample time to enable the Members to be here when the statement is made... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : He must answer my query also.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : You can ask that also... (*Interruptions*)

RE POLICE STRIKE IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR

DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY (Andhra Pradesh) : Madam, I want to speak about the police strike in Jammu & Kashmir. Kashmir has gone from bad to worse. For the fifth consecutive day, the Jammu and Kashmir policemen are on strike. They are not only on strike but they have also gone to the U.N. Observers' office at Srinagar and have submitted a memorandum against State terrorism. Now, their integrity is questionable. In that strategic State, there must be a dependable police. What action is the Government going to take in this regard ? They have also raised anti-national slogans. They have given a memorandum against State terrorism. What is the Government going to do in this regard ?

RE MALPRACTICES AND MISUSE OF POWER IN ANDHRA PRADESH

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY (Andhra Pradesh) : Madam, there are some questions which, through you, I want to ask this House in its collective wisdom as to what direction a citizen can be shown if for the mere sin of participating in an election, the very person at the head of governance of that State threatens, intimidates and, worse, makes inflammatory speeches, resulting in death. Four innocent citizens by virtue of their political affiliation were murdered in the very constituency where this election took place. Madam, I want to draw your kind attention to this.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : My one ear is to you. I am trying to solve some problem. Mr. Upendra wants to say something on the same. I just wanted to organise it.

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY : Madam, it is a grave blow on democracy and it has become more an act of hyprocrisy that all of us gather in this House and we talk about bringing electoral reforms when, time and again, an assault is made on these institutions within our country. After this by-election in the Panyam 184 Andhra Pradesh segment, the Chief Election Commissioner was attacked verbally. Why should a man who is holding a responsible post within the State... (*Interruptions*) I can't continue like this, Madam. I am talking on a serious issue.

SHRI R. K. DHAWAN : (Andhra Pradesh) : You always raise serious issues.

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY : I want to know from this House in its collective wisdom; which direction or wherefrom can the citizens take protection if post-electoral violence is unleashed by the very people who are in governance within that State ? This is not a false or an imagined allegation. I have enough documentary evidence and the police cases